

## Bella Vista Radio Club Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023

**1. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Jan Hagan, WB5JAN

**2. Hellos and New Member and Guest Introductions** were conducted by Tom Northfell, W5XNA

Tom reminded everyone to go to ARRL to get a certificate for any first time contacts you make and then present that certificate to the person with whom you made the contact. He presented a certificate to Curt Porter, a new Ham.

**3. Jan Hagan, WB5JAN, presented the President's Welcome and Announcements**

A) Don Banta, K5DB reported that BVRC VE teams honored the testing facilities during month of September. Certificates were awarded to the Bella Vista Fire Department and the Shiloh Museum for allowing us to use their facilities.

B) Jan, WB5JAN, reminded everyone about the Arkansas DX Association 2023 Annual Convention on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express in Russellville, AR

C) Jan, WB5JAN, presented a certificate to Tom Thibeault, KN4SLP, for Worked all States.

D) Joe Dunn, WA5JD, discussed the possible outing in the spring of 2024 for "Train Mobile" activation on a train traveling from Springdale to VanBuren. Interest was noted by a show of hands from the membership. More information will be presented in the coming months.

**4. BVRC Business Meeting**

A) The Secretary's Report and Previous Minutes recorded by Dana Hill, W5DGH, were disseminated to the membership prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

B) The Membership Report was presented by Tom Northfell, W5XNA. Current membership is 204 and new members were acknowledged.

C) The Sept. 7, 2023, Treasurer Report completed by Marc Whittlesey, WØKYZ was presented by Jan, WB5JAN, to the members. The report was as follows:

Previous Balance \$3,389.48 (from Sep/2023 report)

Dues Collected \$30.00

Disbursements \$509.10 (repeater repair)

TOTAL \$2,910.38

Arvest account \$2,257.24

PayPal account \$533.14

Petty Cash \$120.00

Current Balance \$2,910.38

D) VE Program Report submitted by Don Cooper, KC7DC, was presented to the members by Jan, WB5JAN. The report was as follows:

At our September test sessions we welcomed two new hams into the amateur radio hobby:

Ron Aronica – KJ5CMV – Uniontown, AR – Passed both Technician and General!

Duane Roy – KJ5CPH – Holiday Island, AR – New Technician!

Congratulations to our successful candidates!

Due to scheduling conflicts, we have changed our October and November exam dates:  
October:

Bella Vista - Saturday, October 7th at 2:00 pm

Springdale - Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 am

November:

Bella Vista - Saturday November 4th at 2:00 pm

Springdale - Sunday November 12th at 10:00 am

**5. Announcements of Upcoming Club Activities for 2023** were presented by Jan, WB5JAN. These announcements were as follows:

A) BVRC 30th Year Anniversary Worked All States Award Update – this award can be achieved up until the end of the year.

B) October 14th: N5BVA 30th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENT STATION #2

Two station portable operation from Park Springs Park – Bentonville

C) Coming December! BVRC Christmas and Awards Banquet! Ham of the Year and other awards are presented at this banquet. More information to come soon.

## **6. Feature Club Presentation**

Presenter: BVRC's Chuck Korzendorfer – KM5G

Many of our BVRC members have towers, and some are in the planning stages for a tower. Climbing towers can be very risky if you don't know what you're doing. Tower safety is paramount. Chuck, KM5G, presented some valuable information regarding tower safety.

**7. Gear Exchange Announcements** were presented by Jan, WB5JAN

For sale or trade items are located on the tables at the far right of the room throughout the evening for those looking "new to them" amateur radio equipment.

**8. Club Door Prize Announcements** were presented by Joe Hott, W5AEN

Amateur radio related door prizes are provided by club members from their personal collections to winning BVRC members and guest ticket holders.

## **Adjournment**

Remember! The next BVRC Club meeting is:

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy

Recorded by: Dana Hill, W5DGH